

## DECLARATION

I, THOMAS DEMUTH, herewith state that at all times relevant herein, I am and have been employed by the Patent Department of Robert Bosch GmbH, which is the owner by virtue of the German Employees Inventor's Law of the subject matter of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/049,546. On May 25, 2001, Robert Bosch GmbH caused to be filed PCT/DE 01/02024 for the subject matter, having Robert Bosch GmbH reference R.38531, which is also the subject matter of the entry into the National Phase in the United States, Application Serial No. 10/049,546.

Sometime in the year 2002, I requested Ms. Mindner, a secretary at Robert Bosch GmbH to request the execution of the application papers in connection with a new United States application having our Ref. 38531.

On July 4, 2002, Franz Scheschark wrote a letter to Ms. Mindner, of which a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit A. This letter was not promptly received and on July 8, 2002, I telephoned Mr. Scheschark who agreed to send me a copy of the letter and there is a handwritten entry on the letter to this effect signed by Mr. Scheschark.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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04.07.02

Sehr geehrte Frau Mindner,

Sie haben mir die Unterlagen schon 3 mal zur Unterschrift gesendet, aber es nicht für notwendig erachtet mal nachzufragen, warum ich nicht mehr unterschreiben will. Ich hatte Sie schon sehr oft Tel. zu erreichen versucht, doch Sie waren nicht zu kriegen. Da Sie sicher auch einen ISDN Anschluß haben, konnten Sie ja meine Nummer sehen und einmal zurückrufen? Also wird es schon nicht so wichtig sein. Da ich nicht mehr bei Fa Weigelt beschäftigt bin, sehe ich nicht ein warum ich unterschreiben soll! Also wenn Sie was von mir haben wollen, sollten Sie mal mit mir sprechen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Franz Scheschar

2. Erinnerung 8.07.02.

Dr. Demuth  
Bewusstsein auf das heute getätigte  
Tel. nochmals mal schreiben pa. Fax  
HfG. 7.01.03.  
H. Scheschar

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*Handwritten note:*

"Copy to Mr. Demuth / August 19, 2002"

Letter from Franz Scheschark to Ms. Mindner

Date: July 4, 2002

Re: Patent Application R. 38531

Dear Ms. Mindner,

You have already sent me the documents three times for my signature, but you did not bother to ask me why I do not want to sign them. I tried to call you many times, but I was unable to reach you. Since you most certainly have an ISDN line, didn't you see my number on the display? Why didn't you call me back? Well, it's not that important anyway. Since I no longer work for the Weigelt company, I don't see any reason to sign the documents.

If you ever need anything from me, pick up the phone and give me a call.

Sincerely,

Franz Scheschark

*Handwritten note:*

"2<sup>nd</sup> reminder / July 8, 2002"

"Mr. Demuth,

Based on our telephone conversation today, I am faxing you another copy of the letter.

Sincerely,

F. Scheschark

January 7, 2003